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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

VACATING ORDERING OF YEAS AND NAYS ON H.R. 1953 AND H.R. 3665

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motions to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1953 and H.R. 3665 to the end that the Chair may put the question on each motion de novo.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

SAN FRANCISCO OLD MINT COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1953, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERANS HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3665, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member, to make certain improvements in veterans employment assistance programs, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1065, UNITED STATES BOXING COMMISSION ACT

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1065, the United States Boxing Commission Act.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 12 noon on Tuesday. Members are advised that the combined text from the committees of jurisdiction should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Education and the Workforce Committee and the Rules Committee by later today.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, from the Committee on International Relations, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 109-291) on the resolution (H. Res. 505) requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the White House Iraq group, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the acting majority leader, for the pur-

poses of informing us of the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Maryland for yielding and would say that the House will convene on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. for morning hour and 12 noon for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

For Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as two measures under a rule, H.R. 1065, the United States Boxing Commission Act, and we anticipate either the budget or the tax reconciliation package on the floor next week.

We also anticipate that the House will consider up to four additional appropriations conference reports as those reports become available. We have every reason to believe that those could all be available next week, and if they are, all of the appropriations bills will be passed individually and, with the exception of the defense and homeland security bills, the collection of the others, individually and under last year's spending limit.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

I also want to reiterate what I understand has been the change in schedule for all of our Members to note that we will not be meeting on Monday, but Tuesday will be our day. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Which appropriation bills do you expect to come on the floor next week?

Mr. BLUNT. Well, there are four bills remaining, and we think any and all of those bills could be here next week. We have already sent the previous eight bills to the President's desk, and so we have the remaining bills, all of which are likely to be done by the end of next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. Do you anticipate a motion to go to conference on the DOD appropriations bill next week?

Mr. BLUNT. I would expect to have that conference motion next week.

Mr. HOYER. Do you know how early in the week that might be? Obviously, as you know, there is a very important motion to instruct which would be in order at that time. Many of our Members are concerned about that. Would you know when possibly that might be done? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding to me. I do not know exactly when in the week we would get to that, but I am hopeful that enough staff work and other progress has been made on that bill that it could be on the floor next week. If it is on the floor next week, we obviously would have to go to the official conference sometime midweek.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. The current CR, as you know, runs out

on Friday. First of all, presumably, we anticipate another CR coming. I am sure we have to have another CR at least for some agencies. How long do you think that CR would run? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend again for yielding. We are continuing to consult with the Senate on that. Of course, as a senior appropriator, as you well know, as we work the appropriations bills out, the nature of that CR changes. Ideally, we would not have to have a CR because it would be clear that we would have all the bills passed by Friday. If not, we would have to consult with the Senate, see how long they are willing to have a CR or how long we think is in the best interest of the process, but the appropriations work has gone well and I would not see any being extended for a significant period of time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

The budget reconciliation bill, we did not take it up today and the mandatory spending cuts bill today. When might we consider that?

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend again for yielding, and we are continuing to work on that bill. We have asked our budget chairman to take one final look at it. We have not had a mandatory review of the mandatory programs in terms of looking at their budget for almost a decade now. Frankly, what we are learning is when you have not done anything in almost 10 years, it takes a little longer to do it than you thought it would.

We hoped to have that bill on the floor today. The appropriate eagerness of Members to want to be sure and be home tomorrow for Veterans Day events and, frankly, the challenge of the last few details did not allow us to have that happen. So we have asked the budget chairman to look at those details again, and we hope to have that bill on the floor next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. So it is possible that that bill will be back next week?

Mr. BLUNT. It is possible. I would like to say likely. I think it is likely it will be back, and certainly, it is possible it will be back next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, from your announcement, the tax reconciliation bill will also be on the floor next week? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for yielding. At this point, we are still talking to the Ways and Means chairman about his schedule of moving forward with that event. Like some of our other chairmen, he is also involved in the mandatory spending reconciliation, and we will be talking to him about his view of how he manages those two conflicting things going on and whether we can have them both going on at the same time or not.

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Mr. HOYER. I thank my colleague for that information. Reclaiming my

time, the pension bill, as the gentleman knows, which had passed through the Education and the Workforce Committee, was considered by Ways and Means and marked up on Wednesday, I believe. Is it my colleague's expectation that that might be on the floor next week as well? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for yielding. My expectation is not that we would have that on the floor next week, but that we would have that on the floor between now and the time we leave here for the end of this year.

Mr. HOYER. Let me then go to that question about when is the end. As I understood from our previous colloquies, we are going to be out Friday for at least 14 days, that would be the Thanksgiving week and the week thereafter. And then if we need to come back, am I correct that we are still looking at coming back the week of December 5? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for yielding. I understand everybody has their holiday plans or wants to begin to make their holiday plans. The gentleman is correct in his observations about our past discussion here. We would not intend to be here the week of Thanksgiving or the week after Thanksgiving. We do plan to be back and do not see any reason we would not be, and every Member should anticipate being back the week of December 5.

It is possible it could take 2 weeks to complete our work for the year and that we could have some work even into the week that begins on December 12. But we definitely intend to be here the 5th and would encourage Members to plan to be here both of those weeks in case our work carries over into the week following the week of December 5. That would be the week of December 12.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his information.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005 AND HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday next, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 10, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through November 15, 2005.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

DEMOCRATS ARE LIKE SIRENS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to set the record straight on some of the false accusations in the debate over the majority's plan to help reform government and yield savings for American taxpayers.

Unfortunately, some Members on the other side of the aisle have decided to attack Republicans with false statements which may sound true, but which actually ring false in their reality.

In fact, the Republican plan will help save and strengthen Medicaid by reducing waste, fraud and abuse, strengthen and simplify the student loan process, reduce our dependence on Middle Eastern oil, restrict illegal immigrant access to food stamps and Medicaid, and reduce the deficit by \$50 billion.

The Democrats remind me of the sirens in Greek mythology. Sirens would sing beautiful songs to sailors who were unable to resist the beautiful music and would try to swim or steer their boats to the music. The problem, Mr. Speaker, is that the sirens actually lived on islands of sharp rocks that sank the sailors' boats or stranded the sailors for eternity.

The Democrats, like sirens, are trying to strand the American public on an island of myth.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.